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SUBJECT: TURKISH F-4 PROGRAM

1. COUNSELOR NIMETZ CHAIRED MEETING MAY 6 WITH DOD/DSAA
AND MCDONNELL DOUGLAS REPRESENTATIVES TO EXPLORE WAYS TO
CONTINUE TURKISH F-4 PROGRAM IN LIKELY ABSENCE LEGISLATION
EXEMPTING PROGRAM FROM FMS CEILING.

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2. POSSIBILITIES CONSIDERED INCLUDED: A) STRETCH OUT OF
PROGRAM TO ALLOW CONTRACTING FOR SUBSTANTIAL PORTION IN
FY 79 SINCE TOTAL CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATION CANNOT BE ACCOMMO-
DATED WITHIN ANTICIPATED DOLS 175 MILLION FY 78 FMS CEILING;
B) CONVERT REMAINDER F-4 PROGRAM TO COMMERCIAL CONTRACT
AND ENTER INTO FMS MANAGEMENT CASE TO ALLOW USAF TO PROVIDE
QUALITY CONTROL AND CONTRACT SERVICES TO EXTENT POSSIBLE;

AND C) ENTER INTO MIX OF FMS AND COMMERCIAL CONTRACTS BEGINNING FY 78 AFTER UTILIZATION INTERIM COMMERCIAL CONTRACT TO CARRY PROGRAM FROM JUNE 30 TO END CURRENT FISCAL YEAR.

3. OPTION A WAS DISCARDED BECAUSE OF DELIVERY DELAY AND COST INCREASE WHICH WOULD BE INVOLVED. OPTION B APPEARED FEASIBLE FROM US POINT OF VIEW BUT MIGHT WELL BE UNACCEPTABLE TO TURKS EVEN WITH USAF SERVICES UNDER CONTRACT UNDER FMS CASE. OPTION C INVOLVING MIX OF FMS AND COMMERCIAL CONTRACTS WAS SEEN AS COMPLICATED BUT POSSIBLE.

4. DOD AND MCDONNELL DOUGLAS WILL CONSULT FURTHER TO PREPARE PROPOSAL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IF COMPLETED PROPOSAL SEEMS FEASIBLE WE PLAN CONSULT WITH CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP AND DECIDE WHETHER TEAM US EXPERTS SHOULD GO TO ANKARA OR WHETHER TURKS SHOULD BE INVITED TO COME TO WASHINGTON TO DETERMINE ACCEPTABILITY TO TURKS OF PROPOSAL AND IF SO TO WORK OUT DETAILS.

5. EMBASSY AND JUSMMAT REQUESTED TO PROVIDE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BEST ESTIMATE (WITHOUT DISCUSSION WITH TURKS) OF TURKISH FMS REQUESTS FOR FY 78 FOR ALL MILITARY SERVICES WITHIN DOLS 175 MILLION CEILING, INCLUDING IF POSSIBLE, LIKELY GOT PRIORITIES, AND IDENTIFICATION OF THESE CASES, OR ITEMS WITHIN CASES WHICH MUST BE HANDLED THROUGH FMS AND CANNOT BE PROVIDED THROUGH COMMERCIAL CONTRACTS. THIS INFORMATION WILL HELP IN DETERMINING HOW MUCH OF FY 78 FMS AUTHORIZATION TURKS MIGHT BE WILLING DEVOTE TO F-4 PROGRAM. CHRISTOPHER

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